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1. OUR INITIAL CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN OFFICIALS
ABOUT THE GEISEL VISIT, WHICH ENDS TODAY, INDICATE THAT
THE MAIN SUBSTANCE WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.
THE STATEMENT OF INTENT TO COOPERATE IN HIGH
TEMPERATURE REACTORS AND THORIUM FUEL CYCLES WAS
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SIGNED, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER PAPERS OUTLINED BEFORE
THE VISIT IN REFTEL E. (COPIES OF THE SIGNED TEXTS
WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN AVAILABLE.)

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GEISEL
AND HIS GERMAN INTERLOCUTORS (CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT,
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, SPD LEADER BRANDT, CDU

LEADER KOHL, CSU LEADER STRAUSS AND OTHERS) REVOLVED AROUND GENERAL ISSUES OF BRAZIL'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM AREAS. ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACTS, GEISEL WAS MOST IMPRESSIVE IN ALL OF HIS CONVERSATIONS. HE PROVED HIMSELF VERY WELL INFORMED ON MOST EVERY TOPIC AND RADIATED A STRONG SENSE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE.

3. THE FRG DID AGREE TO PROVIDE BRAZIL WITH DM 50 MILLION (\$25 MILLION) IN CAPITAL AID WHICH IS EARMARKED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL.

4. WE EXPECT TO GET A FULLER READOUT OF THE VISIT NEXT WEEK, AFTER THE PARTY HAS GONE AND OUR CONTACTS HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO RECOVER. WE WILL BE CHECKING SPECIFICALLY FOR MORE ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN'S ALLEGED POSITIVE COMMENTS ON THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ACCORD AND FOR THE SIGNIFICANCE, IF ANY, OF DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW'S SURPRISE TRIP TO BONN ON MARCH 7.

5. COMMENT: BY AND LARGE, THE BRAZILIANS SEEM TO BE TAKING THE VISIT MORE SERIOUSLY THAN THE GERMANS. THE GERMAN SIDE ACTUALLY SEEMS TO BE DOWNPLAYING IT, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT GIVEN THE SIZE OF GEISEL'S ENTOURAGE. CERTAINLY IN COMPARISON WITH BRAZIL'S,
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